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Docket No.: INTECH 3.0-065
00 P 7456 US
(PATENT)

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Gabriela Brase

Application No.: 09/501,124

Group Art Unit: 2812

Filed: February 9, 2000

Examiner: Lynne Ann Gurley

For: SELF-ALIGNED DUAL DAMASCENE ETCH
USING A POLYMER

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed January 28, 2003, Applicant submits the following remarks.

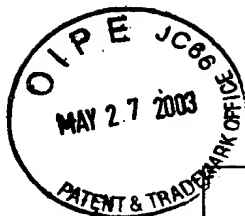
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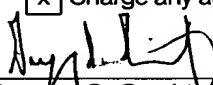
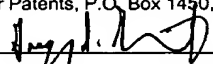
Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested. Claims 1-12 are in this application and are presented for the Examiner's consideration in view of the following comments.

Claims 1-12 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,326,300 issued December 4, 2001 to Liu et al. ("Liu") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,265,319 issued July 24, 2001 to Jang ("Jang"). Applicant respectfully does not agree.

Liu describes a dual damascene process. (Liu, col. 14, lns. 5-7.) In particular, Liu describes the use of an etch stop layer. (Liu, col. 7, lns. 26-27.) While this etch stop



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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER				Docket No. 00P7456US (INTECH 3.0-065)	
Application No. 09/501,124		Filing Date February 9, 2000		Examiner Not Yet Assigned	
				Art Unit 1746	
Applicant(s): Gabriela Brase					
Invention: SELF-ALIGNED DUAL DAMASCENE ETCH USING A POLYMER					
TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS					
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.					
CLAIMS AS AMENDED					
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid	Number Extra Claims Present	Rate	
Total Claims	16	- 29 =		x	0.00
Independent Claims	1	- 3 =		x	0.00
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Other fee (please specify):					0.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT:					0.00
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 Gregory S. Gewirtz Attorney Reg. No.: 36,522				Dated: <u>May 22, 2003</u>	
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